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Unattractive Homes.

Winter has especial temptations in the fact that many homes are peculiarly unattractive at this season. In the summer months the young man can sit out on the steps, or he can have a bouquet in the vase on the mantel, or the evenings being so short, soon after daylight he wants to retire anyhow. But there are many parents who do not understand how to make the long winter evenings attractive to their children. It is amazing to us that so many old people do not understand young people. To hear some of these parents talk you would think they had never themselves been young and had been born with spectacles on. Oh, it is dolorous for young people to sit in the house from 7 to 11 o'clock at night and to hear parents groan about their ailments and the nothingness of this world! How dare you talk such blasphemy? It took God six days to make this world, and he has allowed 6,000 years to hang upon his holy heart, and this world has shone on you and blessed you and caressed you for these fifty or seventy years, and yet you dare talk about the nothingness of this world! Why, it is a magnificent world. We do not believe in the whole universe there is a world equal to it except it be heaven. You cannot expect your children to stay in the house these long winter evenings to hear you denounce this star lighted, sun strewn, angel watched, God inhabited planet.

Oh, make your home bright! Bring in the violin or the picture. It does not require a great salary or a big house, or chased silver, or gorgeous upholstery to make a happy home. All that is wanted is a father's heart, a mother's heart, in sympathy with young folks.

Verily the mother is the angel spirit of home. Her tender yearnings over the cradle of her infant babe, her guardian care of the child and youth, and her companionship with the man of her love and choice make her the personal center of the interest of the hopes and the happiness of the family. Her love never cools, never tires, never sleeps but ever glows and burns with increasing ardor and with sweet and holy incense upon the altar of home devotion. Even when she is gone to her last rest a sainted mother in heaven is always a mightier influence over her wayward husband or child, than when she was present. Her departed spirit still hovers over the home and draws the family by unseen cords to herself in heaven.

The great want of this world is men; men who are honest, sound from center to circumference, true to heart's core; men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as others; men whose consciences are as steady as the needle to the pole; men who stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth falls; men that never flag nor flinch; men that have courage without shouting; men in whom the currents of everlasting life run still, deep and strong; men who do not cry or spoil their voices to be heard on the streets but who will not fall or be discouraged till judgment be set on the earth; men who will not lie; men who are not too lazy to work; men too proud to be poor; men who hold their places and keep them; men who are willing to eat what they have paid for.

Suppose you are given to the habit of profanity. You center in to conversation with a man who never swears, or in other words, a gentleman. By and by you begin to see that he is the superior man. Your own remarks have a tame, flat, feeble sound to your ears. Your cheeks begin to burn with a sense of your friend's excellence. Your poor little drama sounds coarse and drop out of your sentences, ashamed to remain in the company of good, honest, English words, until you discover that you are carrying on part of the conversation without awakening your feel easier, your intellectual stature increases by a foot.

Independent in Reality.

Women may train their daughters in all the ways they imagine to be pleasing to men; they may teach them to wriggle and squirm and reel in their waists and roll their eyes and lip out insipid nothingness between carmine-stained lips, and yet the men will desert them to flock about the girl who is fully and completely independent of them, and who cares very little whether they fall in love with her or not. It is natural for men to want what they cannot get too easily and wo-

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men cheapen themselves who thus "stoop to conquer." But no girl can affect independence. She must be independent in reality. And in order to be so if she has no fortune in her own right she must have an occupation that renders her self-sustaining. Now, girls, consider this fact. The day of uselessness is nearly past. Young men are not going to gobble you up for wives on the strength of any looks or manners you may possess. Some of them are fools enough to do it, but they can not afford it. The pressure of the line is inexorable. Use, use, use is its constant demand.

If there is anything we desire above all other things, it is to be broadminded and liberal. We have no use for prejudices and narrowness, be it in one party or another. This is a good world to live in, but it can be made a great deal better. We believe that human nature is naturally good; and that sooner or later it will throw off the selfishness that is the cause of the misery of the down trodden. We believe in the religion of humanity, in the brotherhood of the race. No man owns a muzzle for us. We are poor as Job's turkey, probably always will be but we are rich in one thing—the independence to speak our honest thought. No man stays very long in this world; and he should try and make it better for having lived in it. In the long run it will yield more happiness than any other course. There is no better friend can attend a man at his death than the consciousness that he has tried to do right. These may be old fashioned ideas, but they are good enough for us.

IN MEMORY.

Death entered the home of Matthew Lemaster the 5th of March, and claimed for its victim the loving wife. She was born June 26, 1855, aged, 54 years, 9 months and 29 days.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. C. M. Copley. She belonged to the Christian Church for years. She said she was going to heaven. She invited all her friends to meet her in heaven. The only consolation that is vouchsafed them is the sweet realization of the fact that their beloved one is at rest. The one whom they have lavished their affections upon is now in the land where the weary are at rest, whose pains are all over.

She was blessed with a voice until her last breath, and wanted her children around her till she had to leave them.

Weep not, dear children, as those that have no hope and be faithful, or it will only be a short time until you, too, will cross the dark river and join with mother, where parting will be no more.

"Aunt" Lou was loved by all who knew her. Her maiden name was Louisa Holten. Her sickness was long, but she seemed to have been in a state of readiness. She had sweet communion with Jesus and met loved ones who were waiting to welcome her home to rest in the Kingdom of God; who will in his own time call his children to meet in that land where there will be no death. A husband and seven children, Anna, Rosa, Minnie, Ola, Eva, Johnny and Charlie, are left to mourn the loss of their mother.

The body was taken to Pleasant Ridge for burial. M. R.

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OSIE.

There are yet among us several sick folks, but all seem to be improving.

Miss Effie Jobe, after several days of faithful attendance at the bedside of her sick mother, has returned to Riverview hospital.

H. C. Hicks, of Hicksville, was visiting his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Jobe, who is very ill.

Wm. Marcum and wife, of Davy, W. Va., are visiting friends and relatives on Twin Branch.

Squire Hughes held a special term of court at Marvin last Saturday. Attys Riffe, Perkins and Jobe were present. One case of some interest, that of Roy Jordan, piff., vs. John Blankenship, debt, attachment issue; both sides ably represented; a verdict for debt.

Court continued till next Saturday, same place, for the purpose of trial in case of John Evans vs. Thomas Large.

Osie and Twin Branch communities seem to be fast coming to the front, since we have for convenience a magistrate's office equipped with telephone; two stores; postoffice, daily mail; a grist mill, saw mill, law office, and last but not least a Sunday School and spirited people.

Rev. J. Milt Hicks, formerly of this county, but now of Netty, W. Va., reports a great success in his field of labor the past winter.

Silas Jobe, while clearing away the forest, accidentally cut his leg and is disabled for labor for several days.

Miss Lizzie Jobe will, in the near future, leave for Marytown, W. Va., where she will make her future home.

Our farmers think their wheat is damaged greatly by the many freezes the past winter.

John Hughes is preparing to raise four acres of tobacco.

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PAINTSVILLE NEWS.

COLUMN OF INTERESTING ITEMS
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EXCHANGES.

(Paintsville Herald.)

The contest for the office of Sheriff brought by John J. Pace against Robert Reed, was decided by Judge Gardner February 22nd. Judge Gardner decided that Reed was the duly elected Sheriff, and gave judgment against Pace for the costs of the action. Robert Reed was one of the three Democrats elected to county office at the last November election, his majority being 146, and Pace brought suit contesting the election on the ground of an illegal election. The case was hotly fought on each side, but the depositions of all the officers of elections showed conclusively that it was one of the fairest elections ever held in Magoffin county. Reed took the oath of office and filled bond on the first Monday in January and has been making a good and efficient officer.—Salyersville Leader.

Monday is the day provided by law for the Johnson Circuit Court to convene, but whether the court will convene and if it does convene whether it will last for more than a day or so is the question that is now puzzling the officers, attorneys and litigants. The doubt thus established is due to the fact that there is now pending in the Kentucky Legislature a bill changing the time for holding Circuit Court here from March to April. There is an emergency clause attached to the measure and if it becomes a law before the court convenes there will be no court now, and if it becomes a law after the court convenes it will be necessary to adjourn until April. The question is far from being settled, as before the measure becomes effective it must pass the Senate and be signed by the Governor.

If Circuit Court convenes Monday there will be much work to be done as the dockets are full. There are 118 equity cases, 48 ordinary actions and 253 Commonwealth's cases 22 of which are felonies.

We understand that Judge A. J. Kirk contemplates changing his residence from Paintsville to Pikeville, where, on account of the great amount of court work to be done in Pike county, he is kept a major portion of his time. He is thinking of the change that he may be able to spend more time with his family. The people of Paintsville will regret to lose so good and influential a citizen as Judge Kirk, as they will also regret the removal of his estimable family.

Leck Whitt, who was convicted at the last June term of the Magoffin Circuit Court for "dehorning" saw logs and sentenced for one year in the penitentiary, has been pardoned by Gov. Willson and has returned home.

Must Stay in Pen.

The Court of Appeals has affirmed the judgment of the Magoffin Circuit Court in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Camillus Arnett. Arnett was given 12 years in the penitentiary for conspiring with Sam Arnett to murder George Anderson.

Arnett was indicted and tried at the October term of Circuit Court 1909, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 years, for the killing of George Anderson, at Hendricks, early in the spring of 1909. Anderson was in a difficulty with Sam Arnett and was striking him with a single tree, having knocked him down with it and young Arnett, who had come to the store with Sam Arnett, drew his pistol and shot Anderson in the abdomen and after he fired the first shot, Anderson turned on young Arnett, striking him with the single tree and chased him out of the store, down the road about thirty yards, catching him, and while they were clutched young Arnett shot him twice, one ball entering his face just under the left eye, and the other striking his left ear, when Anderson fell dead.

Arnett is a son of Ben F. Arnett who is a prominent and well-to-do man. Sam Arnett was indicted with young Arnett and his case continued, pending the decision of the Appellate Court.

A number of families from Magoffin county passed through here Tuesday en route to the State of Washington where they expect to make their future home. They were joined here by Sherman Powers and family, who will likewise seek a change of climate and conditions. Generally speaking these western trips are not profitable, as in most instances the departed ones, like the old cat, insist on returning home. Only yesterday an ardent friend of the Rev. Marion Castle, who is temporarily located in Washington, much against his will, made a canvass of the town raising funds sufficient to restore the reverend gentleman to his native heath. It may

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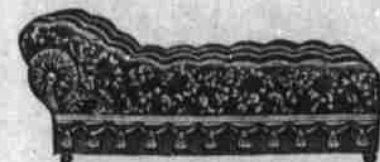
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be alright to go but it would not be a bad idea for those going to reserve the price of a return ticket, for as matters now stand the people in this section have been pretty well drained in assisting in the return of their fool-hardy brethren, who went west to grow up with the country and grew homesick.

What may possibly result in a case of mistaken identity is the arrest of a young man at Van Lear, Saturday night, whom the officers allege to be Will Edwards, wanted in Mingo county, West Virginia, for the murder of a railroad. Deputy Sheriff Casebolt, of Williamson, came here Saturday night and proceeded to Van Lear and placed the young man, whom he claims is Edwards, under arrest. The young man claims he is not Edwards but Tom Hampton and that his home is on Abbott Creek, in Floyd county. He was taken by Casebolt to several people, some of whom say he is Edwards while others claim he is Tom Hampton. Will Edwards, the man wanted, is a son of Levi Edwards, the horse jockey, and formerly lived in this section, where he is well known to the people of Floyd, Johnson and Magoffin counties. He moved to West Virginia a few years ago where his son obtained employment with the Norfolk & Western Railroad Company. During a dispute over a trivial matter Edwards was thrown to the ground and was being badly beaten when he cut the throat of his antagonist. Edwards fled the country and the officers have been on his trail ever since. A few days ago a West Virginia miner who worked for a few days at Van Lear and was conversant with the murder committed by Edwards, returned to Williamson and notified the Sheriff that Edwards was at Van Lear and the arrest of the young man followed. The prisoner is sanguine of success in his efforts to show that he is not the man wanted. He waived all rights and accompanied the Sheriff to Williamson, leaving for that place Sunday morning.

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RATCLIFF.

John Sturgill, who has been sick, is slowly improving. Ida Sturgill has returned home from Fallsburg, where she has been attending school.

Church at this place Sunday, services conducted by Rev. Rice. The new Baptist Church at this place will be ready for use by the first of April.

Miss Myrtle Coburn and Denver Bays attended church at this place Sunday.

John Kelley, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving. Alex Johnson and Noah Bentley are burning their tobacco beds.

Most of the people in this county are going into the tobacco business. Mr. and Mrs. Will Wilson visited Mr. and Mrs. Will Carver Sunday.

Sarah Johnson is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roberts were visiting home folks Sunday.

Miss Della Johnson, who has been on the sick list, is improving. Lewis Bentley lost a fine mule last week. Blue Eyes.

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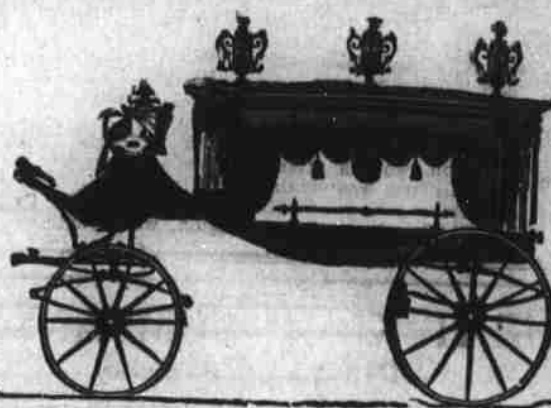
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